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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 85-94

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES  
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
ALL HOMEFINDING AGENCIES  
ALL GROUP HOME CONSULTANTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: 1985/86 AFDC-FC COLA FOR FOSTER FAMILY HOMES, GROUP HOMES,  
AND HOMEFINDING AGENCIES' RATES

FOSTER FAMILY HOMES

Per Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 11461, the state will participate in the following standardized basic rate schedule which has been adjusted by the four percent COLA in the Budget Act. Those counties whose basic rates exceed the standardized level will receive increases in state participation of one-half (two percent) of the four percent COLA.

| <u>AGE</u> | <u>1985/86 STANDARDIZED SCHEDULE</u> |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 0-4        | \$ 291                               |
| 5-8        | 316                                  |
| 9-11       | 337                                  |
| 12-14      | 374                                  |
| 15-20      | 408                                  |

SPECIALIZED CARE AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCE RATES

The state will participate in a four percent increase in both the counties' specialized care and clothing allowance rates. Counties shall separately apply the four percent COLA to their basic rate and the specialized care increment of their specialized care rate.

GROUP HOMES

The 1985/86 Budget Act provides for a four percent COLA for AFDC-FC funded group homes. In order to increase equity among rates for similar programs the COLA will be distributed according to a formula adopted in the Rate Control regulations (OPP 11-402) effective July 1, 1985.

HOMEFINDING AGENCIES

Pursuant to W&IC Section 11463, Homefinding Agency (HFA) COLA's are limited to a maximum of 5.7 percent. In order to determine the rate for a specific HFA refer to OPP Section 11-403 effective July 1985.

Questions regarding foster family home rates should be referred to the Foster Care Program Management Bureau at (916) 445-0813 (ATSS) 485-0813. Questions regarding group homes or homefinding agencies should be referred to the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 323-1263 (ATSS) 473-1263.



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